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POWER CRISIS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the severe power crisis in the National Capital of Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken to remove the power crisis in Delhi; and

(c) the sources from which the funds are likely to be generated for enhancing the supply of power in Delhi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : During April-June, 2002, the power supply position in Delhi was by andlarge comfortable with marginal energy shortage of 1.7%. However, due to delayed monsoon and consequent increase in power requirement in Delhi, the energy shortage increased to 3.1% during the first fortnight of July, 2002. A meeting was taken by Secretary, Ministry of Power on 10th July, 2002 wherein it was decided to set up a task force under the Chairmanship of Chairman, CEA with members from Delhi PowerSupply Company (TRANSCO) and Distribution companies to look into the problems relating to power supply in Delhi.

Further, in addition to special assistance provided to Delhi from different sources to meet its summer requirements, the following additional assistance was provided from Central Sources to further augment the availability of power in Delhi :

(i) Additional allocation of 10% (22 MW) from Rajasthan Atomic Power Project − Unit 4 (220 MW) during off peak period.

(ii) Entire 15% unallocated quota (33 MW) from RAPP Unit-3 (220 MW) on round the clock basis, as a short term arrangement.

(iii) Additional allocation of 7.5 to 10% (59 MW − 79 MW) from unallocated quota in thecentral Sector generating stations in Northern Region during peak off-peak period, as a short term arrangement.

(c) : According to Delhi Power Supply Company Ltd. (TRANSCO) which is under theadministrative control of Government of NCT of Delhi, funds for payment of power purchase to Delhi shall be provided by the Distribution companies and Government of NCT of Delhi in the form of loan assistance to the transmission Company (TRANSCO)Besides, Power FinanceCorporation is providing assistance to Delhi Government for implementation of reforms in power sector.